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Purpose: To provide relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs and cooperating non-CCMs, including management and compliance issues. The report should include all fishing activities for highly migratory species being undertaken within the Convention Area as required by the Convention and decisions by the Commission.

PART 1. INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

During 2019, 5 purse seiners vessels fished in the area of the WCPFC:

- Guayatuna Uno
- Guayatuna Dos
- Panama Tuna
- San Andres
- Charo

The fishing zones of Ecuadorian vessels fluctuated between 00° 19' N and 00o 49' S of Latitude, and 80° 1' W and 158° 40' W of Longitude, according to the information provided by the vessels and verified by the Department of Satellite Monitoring System of the Undersecretary of Fisheries Resources of Ecuador.

Part 1 of the Annual Report is due one-month prior to the annual regular session of the Scientific Committee.

Part 1 of the Annual Report shall include the following, completed box at the front of the report.

Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decisions relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission by 30 April 2020.	[YES]
If no, please indicate the reason(s) and intended actions: N/A	

ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION

Essential information

I	Annual catch and effort by primary species and gear in the WCPFC Convention Area	2018 – purse seiners SKJ 15 721 T YFT 1 592 T
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		<p>BET 5 133 T</p> <p>TOTAL : 22 446 T</p> <p>2019 – purse seiners</p> <p>SKJ 17 319 YFT 2 094 BET 5 519</p> <p>TOTAL: 24 932</p>
II	Number of vessels by gear type and size (fleet structure)	<p>2018: 7 purse seiners vessels 1500+</p> <p>Active 2018 : 5</p>
III	Fishing patterns (catch by time/area)	The fishing zones of Ecuadorian vessels fluctuated between 00° 19' N and 00° 49' S of Latitude, and 80° 1' W and 158° 40' W of Longitude.
IV	Estimated total catches of non-target, associated and dependent species (if available)	<p>About 0.935 tons of non-target species:</p> <p>Tons</p> <p>BLM 0.940 RRU 0.156 WAH 0.055 CNT 0.004 GLT 0.004 GBA 0.024 BUM 0.160 DOX 0.500</p> <p>The individuals incidentally captured were discarded. No retentions were identified in compliance with CMM and National Regulations:</p> <p>Number</p> <p>FAL 344 WAH 112 DOX 182 PLS 1 LKV 1 RMB 1 MLS 1 OCS 1 (alive)</p>

Useful information

V	Ecuadorian Trends are given by buying more fishing days to the coastal countries, perhaps for 2019 will be increase the activity of the Ecuadorian fleet at WCPFC Area. No transshipments were reported during 2019.
VI	Activity in the WCPFC will be given by fishing days, if the Ecuadorian vessels buy more days the total catches will increase.
VII	Ecuadorian target is fresh fish, in order to put them at the wells and freeze them. The fish is used and sell it at foreign markets and also for local consumptions.
VIII	Ecuador has fishing facilities, which allow adequate control and monitoring of fishing

	vessels discharges. Also has many processing industries that allow to produce around 500.000 tons per year
IX	Ecuador wants to be a Member of the Commission in order to fully cooperate, and fish in high seas, to increase our participation in the Convention Area.

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

X	Summary of observer and port sampling programs (scientific data)
XI	Research activities (tunas, other species, species of special interest, oceanographic influences, etc.)
XII	Statistical data collection systems in use (describe)
XIII	Data coverage of catch, effort and size data for all species THESE 4 ITEMS WERE SENT IN THE LOGSHEETS GIVEN BY THE VESSELS.

Annex 1. Suggested layout for PART 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission

Section	Sections in Annual Report
1*	<p>ABSTRACT/SUMMARY</p> <p>Ecuador participate in fishing activities during 2018 with 4 purse seiners vessels, they were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guayatuna Uno - Guayatuna Dos - Panama Tuna - San Andres - Charo
2*	<p>Tabular Annual Fisheries Information (see below)</p> <p>THE LOGSHEETS OF FISHING VESSELS WITH DATA OF THE YEAR 2019 WERE SENT TO THE COMMISSION. WE ALSO ATTACHED AND INFORMATIVE SHEET.</p>
3	<p>Background</p> <p>Year by year, since 2014, the Ecuadorian fisheries authority has made efforts to improve the compliance of the CMM of the WCPFC. We ratify our commitment to fully comply with current and further CMM.</p> <p>Ecuador has authorized fishing periods on Kiribati and Cook Islands jurisdictional waters, and it is necessary to cooperate as CNM to comply with CMM of WCPFC in order to ensure traceability of fishing products and its legality.</p>
4*	<p>Flag State Reporting</p> <p>Ecuadorian Trends are given by buying more fishing days to the coastal countries, perhaps for 2020 will be increase the activity of the Ecuadorian fleet at WCPFC Area. No transshipments were reported during 2019. Ecuadorian target is fresh fish (yellowfin, skipjack and bigeye), in order to put them at the wells and freeze them. The fish is used and sell it at foreign markets and also for local consumptions.</p> <p>THE LOGSHEETS OF FISHING VESSELS WITH DATA OF THE YEAR 2019 WERE SENT TO THE COMMISSION.</p>
5	<p>Coastal State Reporting</p> <p>N/A</p>
6	<p>Socio-economic factors</p> <p>N/A</p>
7	<p>Disposal of catch</p> <p>National processing and consumption. Principally exporting to EU.</p>
8	<p>Onshore developments</p> <p>N/A – loading at Kiribati and Cook Islands Authorized Ports. No transshipment activities are allowed.</p>
9	<p>Future Prospects of the fishery</p> <p>None.</p>
10	<p>Status of tuna fishery data collection systems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Logsheet data collection and verification Sent b. Observer programme ROP, Countries National Observer Programs, IATTC Observer Program c. Port sampling programme N/A d. Unloading/Transshipment Authorized Ports of Countries. Transshipment at sea not allowed. e. Other

11	Research activities covering target and non-target species N/A
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* Essential information



ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT PART 1

Specific information to be provided in Part 1 as required by CMMs¹

13 March 2020

CMM 2019-03 [North Pacific Albacore], Para 3	Non a target species for the Ecuadorian fleet.
CMM 2006-04 [South West striped Marlin], Para 4	Non a target species for the Ecuadorian fleet.
CMM 2009-03 [Swordfish], Para 8	Non a target species for the Ecuadorian fleet.
CMM 2009-06 [Transshipment], Para 11 (ANNEX II)	Ecuadorian fishing vessels only unload on the Authorized Ports designed by the Fishing Authorities of the Member States.
CMM 2010-07 [Sharks], Para 4	Reported
CMM 2011-03 [Impact of PS fishing on cetaceans], Para 5	No issues where identified in 2019.
CMM 2011-04 [Oceanic whitetip sharks], Para 3	Reported. Sharks incidentally caught were release with no damage.
CMM 2012-04 [Whale sharks], Para 06	Reported. 1 Whale Shark incidentally caught was release with no damage.
CMM 2013-08 [Silky sharks], Para 3	Reported. Sharks incidentally caught were release with no damage.
Observer coverage (WCPFC 11 decision – para 484(b))	Ecuador complies with the Observer Onboard Program

¹ Reporting requirements requested by CMMs and decisions by the Commission, as of WCPFC16 (Dec 2019). First issued on 13 March 2020

CMM 2015-02 [South Pacific Albacore] Para 4	Non a target species for the Ecuadorian fleet.
CMM 2018-03 [Seabirds] Para 13	No issues were identified.